# State of California — Franchise Tax Board Pension and Annuity Guidelines

Due to California legislation enacted in 1997, California tax law conforms to the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) as of January 1, 1997, and to selected provisions of the federal Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 (Public law 105-34). For example, California and federal law are the same for taxable year 1997 with

- Repeal of the \$5,000 death benefit exclusion.
- Modifications to the Simplified General Rule for figuring the tax-free portion of annuity payments from qualified plans.
- Change in the required beginning date for distributions from qualified plans from age 701/2 to the later of the calendar year in which the employee reaches age 701/2 or the calendar year in which the employee retires.
- The establishment of Savings Incentive Match (SIMPLE) Plans.

## Introduction

This publication explains the most common differences between California and federal law with regard to pensions and annuities and how to report these differences on your California income tax return. It also provides information about IRAs, Keoghs and SEPs.

You must complete your federal return before starting your California return. If you need information on how to report your pension, annuity, IRA or Keogh on your federal return, refer to federal forms, instructions and publications.

Common terms used in this publication are:

AGI

- Adjusted Gross Income
- Form 540A
- California Resident Income Tax Return
- Form 540
- California Resident Income Tax Return

Form 540NR

- California Nonresident or Part-Year Resident Income Tax Return
- Schedule CA (540)
- California Adjustments -Residents
- Schedule CA (540NR)
- California Adjustments -Nonresidents or Part-Year Residents

The differences between federal and California AGI are reported as adjustments on:

- Schedule CA (540) for Form 540 filers;
- Schedule CA (540NR) for Form 540NR filers;
- Form 540A, Side 2, Part I, for Form 540A filers.

## Social Security and Railroad Retirement Benefits

California law differs from federal law in that California does not tax:

- Social security benefits:
- The social security equivalent benefit (SSEB) portion of tier 1 railroad retirement benefits;
- The non-SSEB portion of tier 1 railroad retirement benefits; and
- Tier 2 railroad retirement benefits and sick pay benefits under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act.

You must make an adjustment to exclude this income if any of the benefits listed above were included in your federal AGI. See the instructions for Schedule CA (540 or 540NR), line 7, line 16 and

line 20b, or Form 540A, Side 2, Part I for more information.

## Pension and Annuity Income

The California treatment of pension and annuity income is generally the same as the federal treatment. For example, California and federal law are the same regarding the "General Rule," the "Simplified General Rule" (sometimes called the "Safe Harbor Method"), rollovers and the lump-sum credit received by federal employees.

Pensions invested in U.S. Government securities. If your pension plan invested in U.S. Government securities or in mutual funds that invested in U.S. Government securities, you may not reduce the taxable portion of your pension distribution by the amount of interest attributable to the U.S. Government securities.

Exception: You may reduce the taxable portion of your pension by the amount of interest from bonds purchased through a qualified bond purchase plan as described in IRS Pub. 590, Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs).

For information on the federal treatment of pensions and annuities, refer to federal Pub. 575, Pension and Annuity Income, federal Pub. 721, Tax Guide to U.S. Civil Service Retirement Benefits, or federal Pub. 939, Pension General Rule.

## Three-Year Rule

The "Three-Year Rule" was repealed for retirees whose annuity starting date is after 12/31/86. However, if your annuity starting date was before 1/1/87, and you elected to use the "Three-Year Rule," you must continue to use this method.

Under the "Three-Year Rule," amounts you receive are not taxed until your after-tax contributions are recovered. Once your contributions are recovered, your pension or annuity is fully taxable.

Generally, the California and federal taxable amounts are the same and you should not make an adjustment to your federal AGI. However, if your annuity starting date was after 7/1/86, and before 1/1/87, AND you elected to use the three-year recovery rule for California, you must make an adjustment to your federal AGI. Compute the adjustment by subtracting the federal taxable amount from the California taxable amount.

Form 540 or Form 540NR Filers. Enter the difference on Schedule CA (540 or 540NR), line 16b, column C.

Form 540A Filers. Enter the difference in parentheses on Form 540A, Side 2, Part I, line 6 and follow the instructions for Form 540A

## Nonresidents of California Receiving a California Pension

California does not impose tax on retirement income received by a nonresident after 12/31/95. For this purpose, retirement income means any income from any of the following:

- A qualified plan described in Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 401;
- A qualified annuity plan described in IRC Section 403(a); A tax-sheltered annuity described in IRC
- Section 403(b):
- A governmental plan described in IRC Section 414(d);
- A deferred compensation plan maintained by a state or local government or an exempt organization described in IRC Section 457;

- An individual retirement arrangement described in IRC Section 7701(a)(37);
- A simplified employee pension described in IRC Section 408(k):
- A trust described in IRC Section 501(c)(18); or
- A private deferred compensation plan program or arrangement described in IRC Section 3121(v)(2)(C) only if the income is:
  - 1. Part of a series of substantially equal periodic payments (not less frequently than annually) made over the life or life expectancy of the participant or those of the participant and the designated beneficiary; or
  - A payment received after termination of employment under a plan program or arrangement maintained solely to provide retirement benefits for employees in excess of the limitations on contributions or benefits imposed by the IRC.

Retirement income includes any retired or retainer pay received by a member or former member of a uniform service computed under Chapter 71 of Title 10, United States Code.

California does impose tax on retirement income received before 1/1/96, by a nonresident from sources within California. Retirement income has a source within California if the services that gave rise to the income were performed in this state.

Military Pension. As a nonresident of California, you are not taxed on your military pension received after 12/31/95.

A military pension received by a nonresident prior to 1/1/96 is taxable by California to the extent the pension has a California source. The military pension has a California source for the portion of time you served in California only if you were a California resident. Get FTB Pub. 1032, Tax Information for Military Personnel.

## Residents of California Receiving an Out-of-State Pension

California residents are taxed on ALL income, including income from sources outside of California. Therefore, a pension attributable to services performed outside California but received after vou became a California resident is taxable in its entirety by California.

Example 1 — You worked 10 years in Texas, moved to California and worked an additional 5 years for the same company. You retired in California and began receiving your pension, which is attributable to your services performed in both California and Texas. The taxable amount of your pension for federal purposes is \$10,000.

Determination: You are a full-year resident of California. As a California resident, you are taxed on all your income, regardless of its source. Therefore, the amount taxable for California purposes is \$10,000, even though a portion of the pension is for the services vou performed in Texas. Do not make an adjustment on Schedule CA (540), or Form 540A, Side 2, Part I to exclude any of the pension from

Example 2 — You worked in New York for 20 years. You retired and moved permanently to California on January 1. While living in California, you begin receiving your pension attributable to the services performed in New York.

Determination: You are a full-year resident of California. As a California resident, you are taxed on all your income, regardless of its source. Therefore, your pension is taxable by California, even though the pension has a New York source. Do not make an adjustment on Schedule CA (540), or Form 540A,

Side 2, Part I to exclude your New York pension from your income.

Example 3 — In December 1996, you retired and moved permanently to California. Prior to your move, you elected to receive your pension as a lump-sum distribution. Your pension is attributable solely to services you performed in Washington prior to your move. You received the lump-sum distribution in February 1997, after you became a California resident. The taxable amount of the lump-sum distribution for federal purposes is \$80,000.

Determination: You are a full-year California resident in 1997. As a California resident, you are taxed on all income, regardless of its source. Although the lump-sum distribution is attributable to services you performed in Washington, the full \$80,000 is taxable by California because you were a resident when you received the distribution.

Example 4 — You worked in Georgia for 20 years. You retired and began receiving your monthly pension on January 1. Your pension is \$2,000 a month. Because you did not contribute to the plan, your pension is fully taxable. On May 1, you moved permanently to California.

Determination: You are a part-year resident of California. While you are a nonresident, only your California source income is taxable by California. While you are a resident, all your income, regardless of its source, is taxable by California. Because your pension is attributable to services you performed in Georgia, your pension has a Georgia source. None of the pension received while you were a nonresident is taxable by California. However, the pension received during the period when you are a California resident (May 1 through December 31) is taxable by California. Therefore, \$16,000 (\$2,000 x 8 months) is the taxable portion of the pension to enter on Schedule CA (540NR), line 16b, column E. Do not make an adjustment on Schedule CA (540NR) to exclude any portion of the Georgia pension from total income.

Military Pension. A California resident is taxed on all income, regardless of source. Therefore, a military pension received by a California resident is taxable by California, regardless of where the military service was performed.

**Example 5** — You are a California resident receiving your military pension. You served 20 years in the military. You were never stationed in California during your military career. Your military pension included in federal AGI is \$30,000.

Determination. Your military pension of \$30,000 is taxable by California even though your pension does not have a California source. As a California resident, you are taxed on all income from all sources.

## Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)

The California treatment of IRAs is generally the same as the federal treatment. For information on the federal treatment of IRAs, refer to federal Pub. 590, Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs).

## California IRA Deduction

The following is a summary of the California IRA deductions allowed.

#### **IRA Deduction**

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California law is the same as fedthrough eral law. The IRA deduction is the lesser of \$2,000 or 100% of your compensation. If you are covered by an employer's retirement plan or if you file a joint return with your spouse who is covered by such a plan, you may be entitled to only a partial deduction or no deduction at all, depending on your income. See the federal instructions for more information. You can elect to designate otherwise deductible contributions as nondeductible. However, you do not have to elect the same treatment for California purposes that you did for federal purposes. An elective deferral of up to \$6,000 may be made to a SIMPLE IRA.

1982 -California law was different from through federal law. The maximum federal 1986 deduction for an individual was \$2.000. and was available to active participants in qualified or government retirement plans and to persons who contributed to taxsheltered annuities. The California IRA deduction was the lesser of \$1,500 or 15% of compensation with an additional deduction for a nonworking spouse, for a maximum deduction of \$1,750. An IRA deduction was not allowed if you were an active participant in a qualified or government retirement plan or contributed to a tax-sheltered annuity.

1976 -California law was the same as through federal law. The IRA deduction for an individual was the lesser of \$1,500 or 15% of compensation. An IRA deduction was not allowed if you were an active participant in a qualified or government retirement plan or contributed to a taxsheltered annuity.

California law was different from federal 1975 – law. California did not allow an IRA deduction. Therefore, income earned in 1975 and 1976 on the 1975 contribution was taxable. The federal deduction was the same as for years 1976-1981.

After 12/31/95, your California IRA deduction is the same as your federal IRA deduction, and you should not make an adjustment to your federal AGI. Differences in the amount of IRA deduction you could claim may have occurred prior to 1/1/96 if there was a difference between your federal self-employment income and your California self-employment income.

If you file Form 540NR, your IRA deduction on Schedule CA (540NR), line 23, column E, is limited to the lesser of:

- The IRA deduction allowed on your federal return; or
- The compensation reported on your Schedule CA (540NR), column É.

## Example 1

You are a nonresident of California. During the year, you worked temporarily in California. Your California compensation is \$1,000, which you reported on Schedule CA (540NR), column E. Your allowable IRA deduction on your federal return is \$2,000.

Determination: Your allowable IRA deduction that you must report on Schedule CA (540NR) is \$1,000. This is the lesser of (1) the \$2,000 IRA deduction allowed on your federal return or (2) the \$1,000 of compensation you reported on your Schedule CA (540NR), column E.

## Distribution

Nonresidents of California After 12/31/95. California does not impose tax on retirement income, including income from an IRA, received by a nonresident after 12/31/95. If you are filing for a prior year and need to determine your California basis, see Example 5 on page 4 for information.

Residents of California. Your IRA distribution is fully taxable if your IRA contributions were fully deductible. If your IRA contributions were partially or fully nondeductible, then the nondeductible contributions are not taxed when they are distributed to you. Your basis is the amount of your nondeductible contributions. How you recover your basis depends on when your nondeductible contributions were made.

IRA invested in U.S. Government securities. If your IRA was invested in U.S. Government securities or in mutual funds that invested in U.S. Government securities, you may not reduce the taxable portion of your IRA distribution by the amount of interest attributable to the U.S. Government securities.

Nondeductible Contributions Made After 1986. If you made nondeductible contributions after 1986, a part of each distribution is considered a return of your basis and is not taxable. The California taxable amount will generally be the same as the federal taxable amount, and you should not make an adjustment to your federal AGI on Schedule CA (540) or Schedule CA (540NR).

However, if you elected to treat a contribution differently for federal purposes than for California purposes, the taxable amounts will differ. Compute the California taxable amount using the federal instructions. When making the computation, do not treat your nondeductible contributions made before 1987 as nondeductible contributions. The nondeductible contributions made before 1987 will be recovered as explained in the following paragraph. Compute the adjustment to federal AGI by comparing your federal taxable amount with the California taxable amount. If the federal amount is greater, enter the difference on Schedule CA (540 or 540NR), line 15b, column B, or Form 540A, Side 2, Part I, line 5. If the federal amount is less, enter the difference on Schedule CA (540 or 540NR), line 15b, column C.

Nondeductible Contributions Made Before 1987. If you made nondeductible contributions before 1987, none of your distribution is taxed until you have recovered your basis. Because all contributions made before 1987 were deductible for federal purposes, there may be a difference in the California and federal taxable amounts. If there is a difference, you must make an adjustment to reduce your federal AGI to the correct taxable amount for California.

Your adjustment is the lesser of your:

- Pre-1987 California basis; or
- IRA distribution included in federal AGI.

Use Worksheet 1 - Part A on page 7 to compute your pre-1987 California basis. Then use Worksheet I - Part B to compute your adjustment to federal AGI and your remaining pre-1987 California basis. Use Worksheet II as a summary of your California basis and its recovery.

If you have more than one IRA account, combine all your IRAs to complete the worksheet. If both you and your spouse have IRAs, you each must complete a separate worksheet based on your own IRA contributions, deductions and distributions.

Example 2 – You were a California resident in 1997 and you received an IRA distribution of \$800. The only other distribution received from your IRA was in 1996. The amount of the 1996 distribution was \$700. You made the following contributions and deductions in prior years:

Year	Contributions	Federal Deductions	California Deductions
1981	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
1982	2,000	2,000	1,500
1983	2,000	2,000	1,500
Total	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$4,500

**Determination:** You would complete Worksheet I as follows.

Worksheet I — Part A Pre-1987 California Basis		Example 2
(If you have already computed your California basis as of 12/31/96; skip to Part B.)		
1 Enter your total federal deductions claimed prior to 1987	1 _	\$ 5,500
2 Enter your total California deductions claimed prior to 1987	2 _	4,500
3 Total California basis. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3 _	\$ 1,000
4 Enter your California basis recovered in prior years		700
5 California basis as of 12/31/96. Subtract line 4 from line 3	5	\$ 300
Worksheet I — Part B Adjustment to Federal AGI and Remaining Pre-1987 California Basis		Example 2
1 Enter your taxable distribution from your federal Form 1040, line 15b (or line 16b), Form 1040A, line 10b (or line 11b)	1 _	\$ 800
2 Enter your California basis as of 12/31/96		
3 Enter the smaller of line 1 or line 2. Enter this amount on Schedule CA (540 or 540NR), line 15b or line 16b, column B,		
or Form 540A, Side 2, Part I, line 5 or line 6	3 _	\$ 300
4 Remaining California basis as of 12/31/97. Subtract line 3 from line 2		\$ 0

Included in your federal AGI is the \$800 IRA distribution. Only \$500 (\$800 – \$300) of the distribution is taxable by California in 1997. Your adjustment to federal AGI is \$300. Your California basis has now been fully recovered. When you receive a distribution in later years, the amount of the distribution taxable for federal purposes will also be the amount taxable by California. No adjustment to federal AGI will be necessary.

EXAMPLE 3 – You were a California resident in 1997 and you received your first IRA distribution. The distribution was \$1,000. For federal purposes, you included \$800 in income and \$200 was treated as the nontaxable recovery of your federal basis. You made the following contributions and deductions in prior years:

	Contrib	outions	Federal	California Deductions		
Year	Before 1987	After 1986	Deductions	Before 1987	After 1986	
1984	\$2,000		\$2,000	\$ 0		
1985	2,000		2,000	0		
1986	2,000		2,000	0		
1987		\$2,000	0		\$ 0	
Total	\$6.000	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$ 0	<u> </u>	

Determination: You would complete Worksheet I as follows.

Worksheet I — Part A Pre-1987 California Basis		Example 3
(If you have already computed your California basis as of 12/31/96; skip to Part B.)		
1 Enter your total federal deductions claimed prior to 1987	1 _	\$ 6,000
2 Enter your total California deductions claimed prior to 1987		
3 Total California basis. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3 _	\$ 6,000
4 Enter your California basis recovered in prior years		
5 California basis as of 12/31/96. Subtract line 4 from line 3	5	\$ 6,000
Worksheet I — Part B Adjustment to Federal AGI and Remaining Pre-1987 California Basis		Example 3
1 Enter your taxable distribution from your federal Form 1040, line 15b (or line 16b), Form 1040A, line 10b (or line 11b)	1_	\$ 800
2 Enter your California basis as of 12/31/96		\$6,000
3 Enter the smaller of line 1 or line 2. Enter this amount on Schedule CA (540 or 540NR), line 15b or line 16b, column B,		
or Form 540A, Side 2, Part I, line 5 or line 6	3 _	\$ 800
4 Remaining California basis as of 12/31/97. Subtract line 3 from line 2		\$5,200

Because your California basis is more than the distribution, none of your IRA distribution will be taxed by California in 1997. Your adjustment to federal AGI is \$800. You have a remaining California IRA basis of \$5,200. You will recover your remaining California basis in later years. Use Worksheet II on page 7, to keep track of your California basis and its recovery. You would complete Worksheet II as follows:

Worksheet II	/orksheet II – Summary of California Basis Example 3							
Taxable Year	Pre-1987 Contributions	Dedu Federal	uction California	California Basis in Contribution	Total Distribution	Federal Taxable Amount	California Basis Recovered	Remaining California Basis
1984	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000				\$2,000
1985	2,000	2,000	0	2,000				4,000
1986	2,000	2,000	0	2,000				6,000
1997					\$1,000	\$800	\$800	5,200

## Change of Residency

California does not impose tax on retirement income, including income from an IRA, received by a nonresident after 12/31/95.

If you made IRA contributions when you were a:

- Resident and received IRA distributions before 1/1/96, when you were a nonresident, or
- Nonresident and received IRA distributions at any time when you were a resident,

your California basis is computed differently than previously explained.

Compute your California basis by subtracting your federal nondeductible contributions (federal basis) from the total of (1) your contributions not allowed as a deduction for California; and (2) the earnings on the IRA while you were a nonresident of California.

Do not include in your California basis any rollover contributions made while you were a nonresident.

You recover your California basis before any of the distribution is taxable. The taxable amount of your IRA distribution is the total of your California deductible contributions plus all the earnings on your IRA while you are a California resident.

EXAMPLE 4 — You became a California resident on 1/1/86. In 1985 while you were a nonresident, the earnings on your IRA were \$200. You received your first distribution from your IRA in 1997. The distribution was \$4,000, all of which was taxable for federal purposes. You made the following IRA contributions and deductions in prior years: Farnings California

		Dedu	uctions	While A	IRA
Year	Contributions	Federal	California	Nonresident	Basis
1985	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$ 0	\$200	\$2,200
1986	2,000	2,000	1,500		500
1987	2,000	2,000	2,000		
1988	2,000	2,000	2,000		
					\$2.700

Determination: Your California basis is \$2,700 (your \$2,500 nondeductible contributions plus your \$200 in earnings while you were a nonresident of California). Therefore, \$2,700 of the \$4,000 IRA distribution is not taxable by California. Your adjustment to federal AGI is \$2,700. Your California basis has now been fully recovered. When you receive a distribution in later years, the amount of the distribution taxable for federal purposes will also be the amount taxable by California. No adjustment to federal AGI will be necessary.

EXAMPLE 5 — You became a nonresident of California on 12/31/86. In March 1995, you received a total distribution from your IRA of \$3,150. You had made the following IRA contributions and deductions: (Note: If you were a nonresident and received a total distribution after 12/31/95, no part of the distribution would be taxable by California.) **Farnings** California

		Ded	uctions	While A	IRA
Year	Contributions	Federal	California	Nonresident	Basis
1986 1987 – 1995	\$ 2,000	\$2,000	\$ \$1,500	\$ 0 1,150	\$ 500 1,150
					<u>\$1,650</u>

Determination: Your California basis is \$1,650 (your \$500 nondeductible contribution plus your \$1,150 in earnings while you were a nonresident of California). Therefore, \$1,650 of the \$3,150 IRA distribution is not taxable by California. Your Schedule CA (540NR), line 15b, column B, adjustment is \$1,650. Your IRA distribution that you must report on Schedule CA (540NR), line 15b, column E is \$1,500 (\$3,150 - \$1,650).

Example 6 — You became a California resident on 1/1/86. In 1985, while you were still a nonresident of California, you received a \$50,000 lump-sum distribution from your employer's retirement plan and rolled over the distribution to an IRA. The earnings on your IRA in 1985 were \$2,000. You received your first distribution from your IRA in 1997. The distribution was \$4,000, all of which was taxable for federal purposes. Your California basis is determined as follows:

		Earnings	C:	alitornia
	Rollover	While A		IRA
Year	Contributions	Nonresident		Basis
1985	\$50,000	\$2,000	\$	\$2,000

Determination: Your California basis is \$2,000, the amount of earnings in the IRA while you were a nonresident. Therefore, \$2,000 of the \$4,000 IRA distribution is not taxable by California. Your Schedule CA (540), line 15b, column B, adjustment is \$2,000. Your California basis has now been fully recovered. When you receive a distribution in later years, the amount of the distribution taxable for federal purposes will also be the amount taxable by California. No adjustment to federal AGI will be necessary.

## Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) Deduction

Beginning with taxable year 1996, your allowable California SEP deduction is the same as your federal deduction.

Form 540NR filers after 12/31/95. Compute the Schedule CA (540NR) column E amount by multiplying the federal SEP deduction by a ratio of California source income to total self-employment income.

Self-employment income from Schedule CA (540NR), column E Self-employment income from Schedule CA

(540NR), column D

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x Schedule CA (540NR), line 28, column D

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Prior to 1/1/96 there may have been a difference in the amount of the SEP deduction you claimed if there was a difference between your federal selfemployment income and your California selfemployment income (residents, part-year residents or nonresidents of California).

Form 540NR filers prior to 1/1/96. Your SEP deduction on Schedule CA (540NR), column E is based upon the percentage of self-employment income from Schedule CA (540NR), column E to total self-employment income computed according to California law on Schedule CA (540NR), column D.

Multiply the SEP deduction (from Schedule CA (540NR), column D) by the ratio of California source self-employment income to total self-employment income. Enter this figure on Schedule CA (540NR), column E.

Self-employment income from Schedule CA (540NR), column E

x Schedule CA (540NR), line 28, column D

Self-employment income from Schedule CA (540NR), column D

#### Distributions

#### Nonresidents of California after 12/31/95:

California does not impose tax on retirement income, including income from a SEP, received by a nonresident after 12/31/95.

#### Residents of California:

The distribution of a SEP is treated the same as the distribution of an IRA. Your distribution is first considered a nontaxable return of your California basis. Once your California basis is recovered, your distribution will be reported the same as federal.

Use Worksheet I – Part A on page 7 to compute your pre-1987 California basis. Then use Worksheet I – Part B to compute your adjustment to federal AGI and your remaining pre-1987 California basis. Use Worksheet II as a summary of your California basis and its recovery.

**California Basis.** Your California basis is the amount of your SEP contributions that were not allowed as a deduction on your California return and any contributions and earnings attributable to periods of nonresidency.

# E Self-Employed Retirement Plans (KEOGHs)

The California treatment of Keoghs is generally the same as the federal treatment. For information on the federal treatment of Keoghs, refer to federal Pub. 560, Retirement Plans for the Self-Employed.

## Deductions

Beginning with taxable year 1996, your allowable California Keogh deduction is generally the same as your federal Keogh deduction.

Form 540NR filers after 12/31/95. Compute the Schedule CA (540NR), column E amount by multiplying the federal Keogh deduction by a ratio of California source income to total self-employment income.

Self-employment income from Schedule CA (540NR), column E
Self-employment income from Schedule CA (540NR), column D

x Schedule CA (540NR), line 28, column D

**Example 7** — You are a part-year resident of California. Your total self-employment income for the year is \$300,000, and the amount to be reported on Schedule CA (540NR), line 12, column E, is \$100,000. Your Keogh deduction for federal purposes is \$15,000. Your Keogh deduction to be reported on Schedule CA (540NR), line 28, column E is computed as follows:

\$100,000 self-employment income from Schedule CA (540NR), column E = .3333 \$300,000 total self-employment income from Schedule CA (540NR), column D \$15,000 × .3333 = \$5,000

Report \$5,000 on Schedule CA (540NR), line 28, column E.

Prior to 1/1/96, there may have been a difference in the amount of the Keogh deduction you claimed if there was a difference between your federal self-employment income and your California self-employment income (residents, part-year residents or nonresidents of California).

Form 540NR filers prior to 1/1/96. Your Keogh deduction on Schedule CA (540NR), column E is based upon the percentage of self-employment income from Schedule CA (540NR), column E to total self-employment income computed according to California law on Schedule CA (540NR), column D. Multiply the Keogh deduction (from Schedule CA (540NR), column D) by the ratio of California source

self-employment income to total self-employment income. Enter this figure on Schedule CA (540NR), column E.

Self-employment income from Schedule CA (540NR), column E x Self-employment income from Schedule CA (540NR), column D

x Schedule CA (540NR), line 28, column D

## Distribution

Nonresidents of California after 12/31/95. California does not impose tax on retirement income, including income from a Keogh plan, received by a nonresident after 12/31/95.

Residents of California. The taxable amount of your Keogh distribution for California will be different from the federal taxable amount if you have a California basis to recover.

California Basis. Your California basis is the amount of contributions you made for which you were not allowed a deduction on your California return. You may not have been allowed a deduction of the full amount of your contributions because the maximum California Keogh deduction was less than the federal deduction prior to 1987.

Recovery of California Basis. Your Keogh distribution is first considered to be a nontaxable return of your California basis. Therefore, when you receive your distribution, none of the distribution will be taxed until you have recovered your California basis. Once you have recovered your California basis, your distribution must be reported the same as for federal purposes.

If you have received a distribution and you have a California basis, you must make an adjustment on Schedule CA (540 or 540NR) to reduce your federal AGI to the correct taxable amount for California. Your Schedule CA (540 or 540NR) adjustment is the lesser of your:

- Pre-1987 California basis; or
- Keogh distribution included in federal AGI.

Use Worksheet I – Part A on page 7 to compute your pre-1987 California basis. Then use Worksheet I – Part B to compute your adjustment to federal AGI and your remaining pre-1987 California basis. Use Worksheet II as a summary of your California basis and its recovery.

EXample 8 – In 1997, you received a Keogh distribution of \$15,000. In 1996, you also received a Keogh distribution of \$15,000. Your Keogh contributions were made in 1979 through 1983. The total contributions were \$37,500. Your total California deductions were \$12,500.

Determination: You would complete Worksheet I as follows.

Worksheet I — Part A Pre-1987 California Basis		Example 8
(If you have already computed your California basis as of 12/31/96; skip to Part B.)		
1 Enter your total federal deductions claimed prior to 1987	1.	\$ 37,500
2 Enter your total California deductions claimed prior to 1987		12,500
3 Total California basis. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	\$ 25,000
4 Enter your California basis recovered in prior years		
5 California basis as of 12/31/96. Subtract line 4 from line 3	5	\$ 10,000
Worksheet I — Part B Adjustment to Federal AGI and Remaining Pre-1987 California Basis		Example 8
1 Enter your taxable distribution from your Federal Form 1040, line 15b (or line 16b), Form 1040A, line 10b (or line 11b)	1.	\$ 15,000
2 Enter your California basis as of 12/31/96		\$ 10,000
3 Enter the smaller of line 1 or line 2. Enter this amount on Schedule CA, (540 or 540NR), line 15b or line 16b, column B		
or Form 540A, Side 2, Part I, line 5 or line 6	3 .	\$ 10,000
4 Remaining California basis as of 12/31/97. Subtract line 3 from line 2		

Only \$5,000 (\$15,000 - \$10,000) of the distribution is taxable by California in 1997. Your adjustment to federal AGI is \$10,000. Your California basis has now been fully recovered. When you receive a distribution in later years, the amount of the distribution taxable for federal purposes will also be the amount taxable by California. No adjustment to federal AGI will be necessary.

**Exception:** If you made voluntary contributions that were not deductible on your federal and California returns, do not include the amount of the voluntary contributions in your California basis. The recovery of the voluntary contributions for California is treated the same as the recovery for federal purposes. **Do not** make an adjustment on Schedule CA (540 or 540NR) or Form 540A, Side 2, Part I, line 5 or line 6 to recover your voluntary contributions.

## Lump-sum Distribution

If you received a qualified lump-sum distribution and are using Schedule G-1, follow the revised instructions below when completing Worksheet I – Part B:

- Line 1. Enter the taxable distribution from your federal Form 1099-R, box 2a.
- Line 3. Enter the smaller of line 1 or line 2. Compute the amounts to enter on Schedule G-1 as follows:

California federal Worksheet I taxable = Form 1099-R, - Part B, amount box 2a line 3

Enter the California taxable distribution on Schedule G-1, line 10 unless the capital gain election was made. If the capital gain election was made:

 Sch. G-1,
 California
 federal

 line 8
 = taxable amount
 X
 Form 1099-R, box 3 federal

 Form 1099-R, box 2a
 Form 2099-R, box 2a

Sch. G-1, California Sch. G-1, line 10 = taxable - line 8 amount

## Change in Residency

California Resident. A California resident is taxed on all income, regardless of its source. If you are a California resident and receive a Keogh distribution attributable to your non-California self-employment income, your distribution minus your California basis is taxable by California.

**Nonresident of California.** California does not impose tax on retirement income, including income from a Keogh plan, received by a nonresident after 12/31/95.

# F Tax On Early Distributions

California has a tax on early distributions from IRAs, any qualified retirement plans, annuities and modified endowment contracts. This tax is generally the same as federal except the California tax rate is 2½% rather than 10%, except for early distributions from SIMPLE plans during the two-year period beginning on the date the taxpayer first began participation in the plan. In that case, the tax rate is 6% rather than 25%. California does not have taxes similar to the federal tax on excess accumulations.

tax on excess contributions or tax on excess distributions.

Early Distributions. Early distributions are amounts you withdraw from your retirement plan before you are age 59½. The tax on early distributions is 2½% of the amount of the distribution included in income or 6% in the case of an early distribution from a SIMPLE plan during the first two-year period beginning on the date the taxpayer first began participation in the plan. The tax on early distribution is imposed in addition to any regular California income tax on the distribution. You must figure this tax on form FTB 3805P, Additional Taxes Attributable to Qualified Retirement Plans (including IRAs), Annuities and Modified Endowment Contracts.

**Exceptions:** The tax on early distributions does not apply to:

- The portion of the distribution that is a return of basis:
- Distributions made because you became disabled:
- Distributions made as a part of a series of substantially equal payments made for the life (or joint lives) of you and your designated beneficiaries;
- Distributions made after the death of the participant;
- Distributions made to you to the extent you have medical expenses deductible under IRC Section 213:
- Distributions made to unemployed individuals for health insurance premiums under IRC Section 72(t)(2)(D);
- Distributions made to you after you separated from service with your employer in or after the year in which you reached age 55; or
- Distributions paid under a qualified domestic relations order.

**Note:** The last two exceptions do not apply to distributions from IRAs or annuity or modified endowment contracts. They apply only to distributions from qualified employee plans.

Prohibited Transactions. You may also owe tax on early distributions from an IRA or SEP if you enter into a prohibited transaction. If you enter into a prohibited transaction, your IRA ceases to be an IRA on the first day of the taxable year and you are considered to have received a distribution of the entire value of your IRA. If you are under age 59½ on the first day of the taxable year, you are subject to the tax on early distributions. Refer to form FTB 3805P for more information.

## G California Credits

## Other State Tax Credit

If you paid tax to California and to another state on the same pension income prior to 1996, you may qualify for a credit for taxes paid to another state. For more information refer to Schedule S, Other State Tax Credit.

# Exemption Credit for Seniors Age 65 or Older

California allows an additional exemption credit for individuals age 65 or older rather than the larger standard deduction allowed on the federal return. Be sure to claim this credit on your California income tax return.

## H Additional Information

**F.A.S.T. (Fast Answers about State Taxes).** Call the F.A.S.T. toll-free phone service to:

- Find out about your current year tax refund;
- Order most California and federal tax forms;
- Obtain balance due and payment information; and
- Hear recorded answers to many of your questions about California taxes.

See page 8 for information on how to use F.A.S.T.

Letters. We can serve you by phone if you call us for information to complete your California income tax return or to find out about your tax refund. However, you may want to write us if you are replying to a notice we sent you or to get a written reply. If you write to us, be sure to include your social security number, your daytime and evening telephone numbers and a copy of the notice with your letter. Send your letter to:

FRANCHISE TAX BOARD PO BOX 942840 SACRAMENTO CA 94240-0040

We will acknowledge receipt of your letter within eight to ten weeks. In some cases, we may need to call you for additional information.

General Toll-Free Phone Service. Our general toll-free phone service is available from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday from January 2 through April 15, 1998. The best times to call are between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Service is also available on Saturday, April 4, and April 11, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. After April 15, service is available Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

#### Asistencia Bilingüe en Español

Para obtener servicios en Español y asistencia para completar su declaración de impuestos/formularios, llame al número de teléfono (anotado arriba) que le corresponde.

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Year	Contributions	Federal California	Contribution	Distribution	Amount	Recovered	Basis

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# F.A.S.T. Toll-Free Phone Service

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- Find out about your current year tax refund;
- · Order California and federal income tax forms;
- · Obtain balance due and payment information; and
- Hear recorded answers to many of your questions about California taxes.

F.A.S.T. is available in English and Spanish to callers with touch-tone telephones.

## How To Use F.A.S.T.

Have paper and pencil ready to take notes.

## To Find Out About Your Current Year Tax Refund

You should wait at least eight weeks after you file your tax return before you call to find out about your refund. You will need your social security number, the numbers in your street address, box number or route number, and your zip code to use this service. Refund status information is available from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., seven days a week, except state holidays. Call the F.A.S.T. number, select refund information and follow the recorded instructions.

## To Order Forms

**By Internet** — If you have Internet access, you may download, view and print California income tax forms and publications. Our Internet address is: <a href="http://www.ftb.ca.gov">http://www.ftb.ca.gov</a>

By phone — If your current address is on file, you can use F.A.S.T. to order current and prior year California tax forms. You can also order current year federal tax forms between January 2 and April 15. (Refer to the list of forms on the inside back cover of your personal income tax booklet). This service is available from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., seven days a week, except state holidays.

## To Obtain Balance Due And Payment Information

You should wait at least 45 days from the date you mailed your payment before you call to verify receipt of your payment. You will need your social security number, the numbers in your street address, box number or route number, and your zip code to use this service. Balance due and payment information is available from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., seven days a week, except state holidays.

## To Hear Answers To California Tax Questions

Recorded answers to tax questions are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To receive answers to any of the following questions, call the F.A.S.T. number, select general tax information and enter the three digit code when instructed to do so.

#### Code-Filing Assistance:

- 100 Do I need to file a return?
- 111 Which form should I use?
- 112 How do I file electronically and get a fast refund?
- 200 Where can I pick up a form today?
- 201 How can I get an extension to file?
- 202 There is no envelope in the booklet. Where do I send my return?
- 203 How much do I get for renter's credit?
- 204 I never received a Form W-2. What do I do?
- 205 I have no withholding taken out. What do I do?
- 206 Do I have to attach a copy of my federal return?
- 207 Should I file my return even though I do not have the money to pay?
- 208 How do I figure my estimated tax payments?
- 209 I lived in California for part of the year. Do I have to file a return?
- 210 I do not live in California. Why do I have to file a return?
- 211 How do I figure my IRA deduction?

- 212 How do I claim my disaster related loss?
- 215 Who qualifies me to use the head of household filing status?
- 216 I'm due a refund. Do I still need to file a return?
- 217 I am currently/was in the military. Do I have to file a California return?
- 218 I'm in the military. Do I have to use the same filing status as federal?
- 219 I sold my personal residence. How do I report the sale to California?
- 220 There is no difference in my state and federal depreciation, business income and capital gain income. What do I do?
- 221 What is community property?
- 222 How much can I deduct for vehicle license fees?
- 227 How do I get a refund of excess SDI?
- 239 Where can I get help with filing my income tax return?
- 240 Does a tax return have to be filed for a deceased taxpayer?

#### Refunds:

- 300 My spouse passed away. You sent a refund with both our names on it. What do I do?
- 301 I got a letter saying you sent my refund to another agency. Why?

#### Penalties:

- 400 I have an extension of time to file my return. Why did I get a penalty?
- 401 I filed my return on time. Why did I get a penalty?
- 402 How can I protest a penalty?
- 403 What is the estimate penalty rate?

#### Notices And Bills:

- 500 I received a bill and I cannot pay it in full. What do I do?
- 501 Why didn't you give me credit for my withholding?
- 502 You didn't give me credit for my dependent. What do I do?
- 503 I don't have a homeowner's exemption. Why did you deny my renter's credit?
- 504 I'm head of my house. Why was I denied head of household filing status?
- 505 Why was my IRA deduction denied?
- 506 How can I get information about my Form 1099-G?
- 507 Why did I receive a questionnaire?
- 508 I received a notice that didn't show all payments made. How do I get credit for them?

### Tax For Children Under 14:

- 601 Can my child take a personal exemption credit when I claim her or him as a dependent on my return?
- 602 Federal law limits the standard deduction. Is the state law the same?

#### Miscellaneous:

- 610 Can I pay my taxes with a credit card?
- 611 What address do I send my payment to?
- 612 I mailed my return and haven't heard anything. Should I send a copy of my return?
- 613 I forgot to attach my Form(s) W-2 when I mailed my return. What do I do?
- 614 I forgot to attach a copy of my federal return. What do I do?
- 615 How do I get a copy of my state tax return?
- 616 What should I do if my federal tax return was examined and changed by the IRS?
- 617 What are the current interest rates?

